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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Kyoichi A. Watanabe Examiner: Howard V. Owen, Jr.
Serial No.: 09/834,596 Group Art Unit: 1623
Filed: April 13, 2001 Docket No.: 60137.0022USU1
Title: 2'-or 3'-Hydroxymethyl Substituted Nucleoside Derivatives for Treatment of
Hepatitis Virus Infections

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

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Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), it is respectfully requested that a one-month extension of time be granted in which to respond to the outstanding Office Action mailed May 24, 2005, said period of response being extended from August 24, 2005 to September 24, 2005.

Please charge the deposit account in the amount of \$120.00 to cover the required extension fee for a large entity.

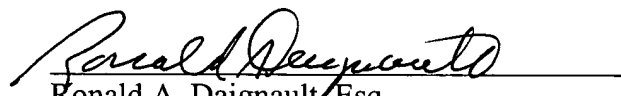
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